



**National Transportation Safety Board**  
Washington, D.C. 20594

October 16, 2006

**Party Coordinators**

Mr. Dana Lee, Athena Construction, Morgan City, LA  
Mr. Michael Patterson, Central Boat Rentals, Morgan City, LA  
Mr. Brian Osborn, Gulfport Energy, Morgan City, LA  
Mr. Bruce L. Niemeyer, Chevron North America, Lafayette, LA  
Mr. Mark Champagne, LA Dept. of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, LA

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Cc: LT John Luff, United States Coast Guard

Gentlemen:

Ref: Fire aboard *Athena Barge 106*, accident number MAR07MM001.

The Safety Board requests that the organizations listed above participate in the *Athena 106* accident as a party to the investigation. You are hereby asked to agree and abide by the provisions of 49 CFR 831.11, which governs participation in Safety Board investigations. Enclosed is a copy of 49 CFR 831.11 for your review. If you have any questions about these rules, please call me. Otherwise, we will assume that you will comply.

As a party representative, you will be given the opportunity to review and make comments on the Safety Board's factual report.

Thank you for your support of marine safety and the *Athena 106* investigation. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-314-6107 or [Morgan.Turrell@ntsb.gov](mailto:Morgan.Turrell@ntsb.gov). For additional information, visit [www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov).

Sincerely,

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Morgan Turrell  
Investigator-in-Charge

Enclosures: 49 CFR 831.11

Please make a copy, sign and return this letter to Morgan Turrell